



January 24, 2002

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

**Re:** D.T.E. 01-106 - Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy on its own motion, pursuant to G.L. c. 159, § 105 and G.L. c. 164, § 76 to investigate increasing the penetration rate for discounted electric, gas and telephone service.

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and fifteen copies of the Comments of Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State") which respond to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy's December 17, 2001 Request for Comments. Also enclosed is an electronic copy of Bay State's comments.

Please date stamp a copy of this letter for our files. If you have any questions or need additional information please feel free to contact me at (508) 836-7267.

Sincerely,

Stephen H. Bryant  
Vice President, Regulatory and  
Government Policy

Enclosure